

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The present Amendment presents the amendments and remarks of the Amendment dated September 17, 2003, as well as the items required by the Notice of October 7, 2003. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

Applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group II (claims 1, 4-19 and 23-40) for further prosecution in the above. The election is made with traverse and the Examiner is urged to reconsider the requirement for restriction.

As regards the requirement for election of species, Applicants elect: a CHO cell derived from a Chinese hamster ovary tissue as a specific cell recited in the item (a) of claim 36;

α -1,6-fucosyltransferase as a specific defective enzyme recited in claims 4, 12-14, and 23 and 31-33;

a gene disruption technique targeting a gene encoding the enzyme as a specific method recited in item (a) of claim 15.

The Examiner requests election of species as a specific defective enzyme as recited in claim 5. However, claim 4 recites (i) an enzyme relating to the synthesis of GDP-fucose and (ii) an enzyme relating to the modification of an α -1,6-fucose. Claim 5 recites species of only enzyme relating to the synthesis of GDP-fucose, whereas claim 12 recites species of only enzyme relating to the modification of an α -1,6-fucose.

Applicants elect the enzyme relating to the modification of an α -1,6-fucose as a specific

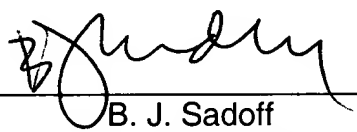
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enzyme that is α -1,6-fucosyltransferase recited in claim 12. The Examiner states that all claims of Group II are generic.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of all the claimed subject matter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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